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New Mexico has passed a law against cruelty to animals.

There is a reward of four hundred dollars offered for the arrest of Jay Elliott, known as "The Kid," who shot officer Chipman at El Paso last Tuesday.

The "Big Four" of Chicago is threatened with a flank movement. A slaughtering and packing company has been organized in Buffalo, New York, in which about six hundred retail butchers are expected to be interested.

Some tenderfoot near Cheyenne advances the idea that branding cattle on the front part of the front hoof would be superior to side branding. Fancy the fun of running a healthy steer four miles on a hot day to obtain a front view of its feet.—Buffalo Echo.

An old man concealed \$3,000 worth of jewelry between the mattresses at an El Paso hotel and forgot all about them until he arrived at his home in the east, when he wrote back to the landlord about his cache. The treasures were found intact where he had left them, showing that El Paso chambermaids don't stir up the prairie feathers much.—Exchange.

The loss of cattle on this range during the winter is too small to estimate. One-half of one per cent will more than cover it now, and there is no more risk except in a long-continued drought. Prospects for a good season were never better, and taking the past, present and future into view, we confidently predict something of the nature of a jubilee when the Association meets in April.—Colfax County Stockman.

An exchange says Australian meat is very unpopular in Europe, and the Australian Frozen Meat Company of London has just suspended payment. American beef, on the other hand, has been more popular than ever during the holidays, and instead of being cheap, it has realized higher prices than home-fed. The present retail price of American beef in London runs from twenty-four to thirty-six cents a pound. The railroad rates from Liverpool to London is less than a fifth of a cent per pound, and the ocean freight is lower than it has ever been. Hence importers must be making a profit of nearly one hundred per cent. on their outlay.

A fatal shooting affray occurred near Duncan on last Wednesday between Frank Chick and George Palmer, both well known on the Gila. It seems that trouble had been brewing for some time between the men over a private affair, and Chick being unable to control his feelings longer sought out Palmer with the avowed intention of killing him, the latter seeing him approach, and knowing his purpose, opened fire on him with a Winchester rifle killing him instantly. Palmer was arrested, tried and discharged, the evidence showing that the act was committed in self defence. He is known as a quiet and peaceable citizen.—Clifton Clarion.

The Stock Grower says Messrs. Hadley and Routt, of the Executive Committee of the International are at present in the east looking into the causes which have operated to depress prices in beef cattle. These gentlemen believe in work and if honest, earnest attention to the duties of their position will avail anything for the benefit of the Range Association, they propose to give it their best efforts. Whether these gentlemen will be able to discover just what the cause is that is affecting beef values is a problematical question, that they will, however, do all that is expected of them in the emergency, goes without saying. They appreciate the high trust reposed in them by

the range country, and it is to be hoped that good will come from their labors.

A cold-blooded murder was committed in Fairbank last Friday. The victim was Tomas Salcido, a young Mexican, in the employ of J. Goldwater & Co. It seems that he had been drinking and had gone to the house of a Mexican woman, where he met his death at the hands of one Carmen Mendibles. He was stabbed in the back, just under the left shoulder-blade, the knife penetrating his heart, and from the effects of which he must have died instantly. He had evidently been dead several hours when discovered, as his body was perfectly cold. Sheriff Slaughter was notified and immediately repaired to the scene of the tragedy. Upon a close search, the knife that had so effectively done its work was found concealed in the house where the murder was committed. Suspicion pointed to Mendibles and three other Mexicans. The first mentioned could not be found, but the other three were arrested, brought to town and placed in jail.—Tombstone Democrat.

John Flood says he can prove by Tom Jordan that the heel-fly is a winged insect, and not a parasite or grub, and that the very first thing he biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. He quotes Jordan as saying that when he was a kid and wore one "gallus," he was one day in the spring breaking up ground with a pair of sleepy old steers. A heel-fly came along on the fresh air and took old Buck and Bright a zip each, and away they went, and all he ever did find of the outfit was the point of the plow which stuck in a root and broke off. He says he plainly saw the author of the runaway and smash-up. R. B. Godfrey says he has heard of horses cutting up such frantic antics when assailed by heel-flies that they would kick their shoes off, and one isolated case in which the kicked his hoof off, including the shoe. R. J. Bishop, all the way from New Mexico, says that sometimes when the cattle run into the water to avoid the heel-fly, the latter will direct his shots just behind the ear and knock a cow down every whirl, and if the cattle be weak, they frequently drown before they can recover from the shock and get on their feet. These gentlemen respectfully beg to dissent from the views of those who hold that the heel-fly is a parasite, but entirely agree with them in that he is business to an extent that is bound to challenge the admiration of even his most uncompromising enemies.—Dallas News.

In order that the people of the far west may better understand the situation and what is expected of them, Commissioner Sparks has caused to be published and sent out from Washington the following commandments. Read, and govern yourself accordingly:

1. Thou shalt have no other gods than William Andrew Jackson Sparks, and none other shalt thou worship.
2. Thou shalt not raise cattle upon the land, neither horses, sheep or asses, nor any living thing, but only corn, the same as in the state of Illinois.
3. Thou shalt not put fences, about the land nor covet the same, neither shalt thou seek to obtain patents thereto, for of such are the thieves and robbers of the world.
4. Thou shalt not take water from the creeks, rivers or lakes, for the water belongeth all to the administration, of which I am the chief exponent.
5. Thou shalt not filter the water if it be polluted, nor shall any people issue bonds for this purpose.
6. Thou shalt not have any officers appointed from among you

because you are a sinful, wicked lot, deserving only of hell fire and perpetual torment.

7. Thou shalt not cut down the trees of the forest and build houses, for a hole in the ground is all that you deserve; neither shall you make fuel of the fallen trees, for by and by a great fire will come and consume them entirely.

8. Thou shalt not cut the grass, neither thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, for it belongeth to the great father at Washington and he must have tribute therefor.

9. Thou shalt not give aid or encouragement to any newspaper or publication that does not sound my praises from day to day and week to week.

10. And finally thou shalt humble thyself daily before me or I will send among you my emissaries with great authority who shall harass and persecute you with false witnesses and take from you all your possessions.—Cheyenne Sun.

The following is a full text of the alien land act as it stands on the statute books:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons not citizens of the United States, or who have not lawfully declared their intention to become such citizens, or for any corporation not created by or under the laws of the United States or of some state or territory of the United States, to hereafter acquire, hold or own real estate so hereafter acquired, or any interest therein, in any of the territories of the United States or in the District of Columbia, except such as may be acquired by inheritance or in good faith in the ordinary course of justice in the collection of debts heretofore created: Provided, that the prohibition of this section shall not apply to cases in which the right to hold or dispose of lands in the United States is secured by existing treaties to the citizens or subjects of foreign countries, which rights, so far as they may exist by force of any such treaty, shall continue to exist so long as such treaties are in force, and no longer.

Sec. 2. That no corporation or association more than twenty per cent of the stock of which is or may be owned by any person or persons, corporation or corporations, association or associations, not citizens of the United States shall hereafter acquire or hold or own any real estate hereafter acquired in any of the territories of the United States or of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. That no corporation other than those organized for the construction or operation of railways, canals or turnpikes shall acquire, hold or own more than 5,000 acres of land in any of the Territories of the United States; and no railroad, canal or turnpike corporation shall hereafter acquire, hold or own lands in any territory, other than as may be necessary for the proper operation of its railroad, canal or turnpike, except such lands as may have been granted to it by an act of Congress; but the prohibition of this section shall not affect the title to any lands now lawfully held by any such corporation.

Sec. 4. That all property acquired, held or owned in violation of the provisions of this act shall be forfeited to the United States, and it shall be the duty of the Attorney General to enforce every such forfeiture by bill in equity or other proper process. And in any suit or proceeding that may be commenced to enforce the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of the court to determine the very right of the matter, without regard to matters of form, joinder of parties, multifariousness, or other matters not affecting the substantial rights either of the United States or of the parties concerned in any such proceedings arising out of the matters in this act mentioned.